Met Office becomes part of the BIS family

18 July 2011 - The Prime Minister announced today that responsibility for the Met Office, along with the Land Registry and Ordnance Survey will pass to the Department for Business Innovation and Skills (BIS).

John Hirst, Met Office Chief Executive said: "We welcome this move to BIS, and the opportunity to create, together with partners, a centre of excellence for scientific delivery in support of UK growth.

"The Met Office's vital role in providing world leading weather and climate services to the public, businesses and government, including supporting our armed forces in the UK and overseas will continue to our usual high standards."

The Permanent Secretary for BIS, Martin Donnelly, welcomed the move, which marks a significant step towards establishment of a Public Data Corporation, plans for which were announced by the Government in January this year.

Martin Donnelly said: "It is good to welcome the Land Registry, Met Office and Ordnance Survey to the BIS family. The talents and abilities of their staff will be a welcome addition to the Department's teamwork to ensure sustainable economic growth across the UK.

"Staff and customers should know that these organisations will continue to deliver a high level of service going forward."

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